

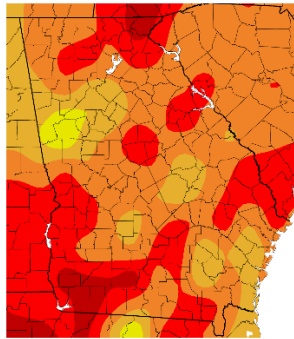
March 2026 Climate Summary – Georgia

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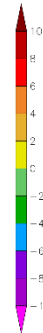
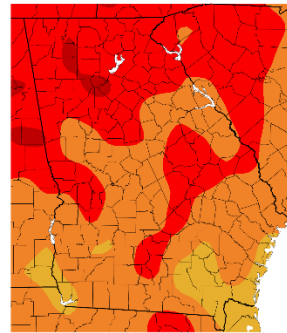
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March brought unusually warm and very dry conditions across the state of Georgia. The statewide average temperature was 62.2°F, which is 6.8 degrees above normal (based on the 1901–2000 average of 55.4°F). This made it tied for the 7th warmest March on record, continuing a trend of above-average temperatures. At the same time, Georgia experienced a significant lack of rainfall. The statewide average precipitation totaled just 2.07 inches, which is nearly 3 inches below normal. This ranks as the 12th driest March on record, highlighting widespread dry conditions that may have impacted soil moisture and early-season agriculture. Several cities saw notable record-breaking heat during the month. In Atlanta, multiple days set or tied record high temperatures, including highs of 81°F on 3/5, 83°F on 3/6 and 3/7, and 82°F on 3/11. Athens also tied or broke records, reaching 82°F on 3/6 and 85°F on 3/11. Along the coast, Savannah experienced some of the most extreme heat, with a record-breaking 91°F on 3/11 and another near-record high of 89°F on 3/27.

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026

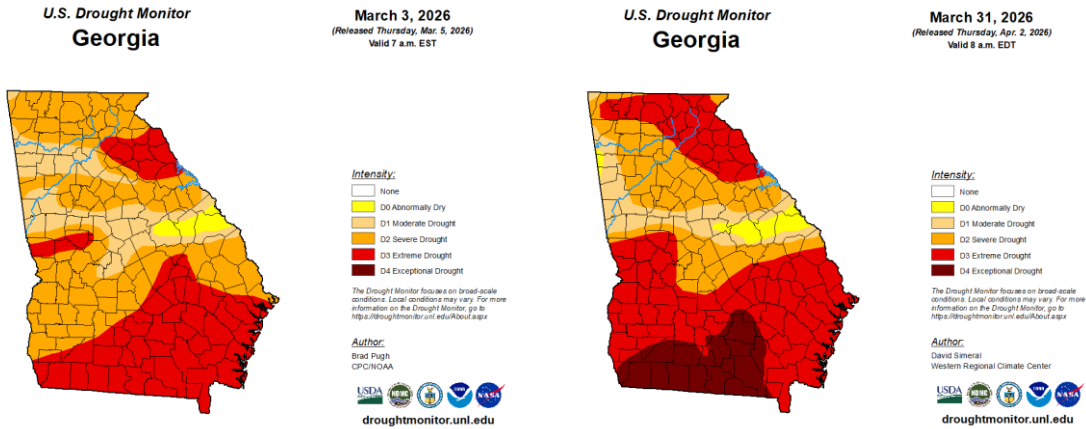


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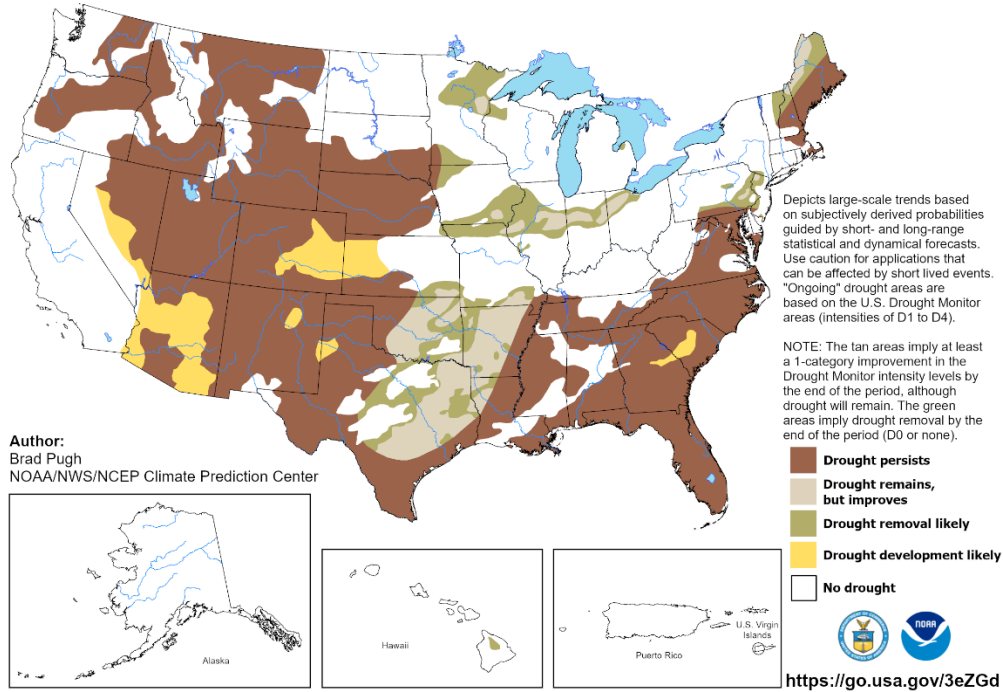
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According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions across Georgia worsened noticeably during the month of March. At the beginning of the month, most of the state was experiencing moderate (D1) to severe drought (D2), with pockets of extreme drought (D3) mainly in southern and eastern areas. By the end of March, drought intensity had expanded and intensified statewide, with extreme drought covering much of southern and eastern Georgia and areas of exceptional drought (D4) emerging in the southwest. Meanwhile, northern Georgia also saw worsening conditions, with more areas shifting into severe and extreme drought. According to the Climate Prediction Center, drought is likely to persist in most of Georgia through April.



U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for April 2026
 Released March 31, 2026



According to the Climate Prediction Center, ENSO-neutral conditions are present in the east-central Pacific Ocean as equatorial sea surface temperatures are near-to-below-average. ENSO-neutral conditions are favored through April-June 2026, while El Niño is likely to emerge in May-July and persist through at least the end of 2026. The seasonal outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center show a likelihood of above normal temperatures and precipitation in April-June 2026.

